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Applicant(s)

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Serial No.

09/640,629

For

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Commissioner for Patents

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

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This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

| (1) | (2) Claims remaining after amendment | (3) | (4) Highest number previously paid for | (5) Present extra | (6) Rate | (7) Additional Fee | |
|--------------------|--|----------|---|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Total claims | 12 | Minus | ** = 20 | * 0 x | \$18 (9) | = \$ | .00 |
| Independent claims | 8 | Minus | *** =8 | * 0 x | \$86 (43) | = \$ | .00 |
| | | Total ad | Total additional fee for this amendment | | | \$ | .00 |

- * If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
- ** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- *** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.
- □ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid □, or is paid herewith □.
- This response is being filed within the third month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a three-month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- \triangle A check in the amount of \$950.00 is attached, which covers the cost of \square additional claims \underline{X} petition for extension of time.
- Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
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